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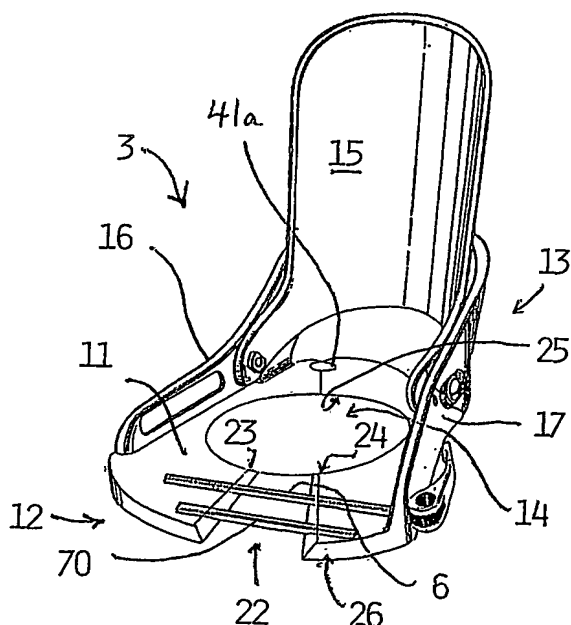
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(57) Abstract: A snowboard binding (3) including: (a) a bind-  
ing base (11) having a front end (12) and a rear end (13); (b) an  
aperture (14) in the binding base (11) intermediate the front and  
rear ends (12, 13) for receiving a snowboard engaging mem-  
ber (50) adapted to releasably secure the binding base (11) to  
a snowboard (1), the perimeter of the aperture (14) including  
at least one pair of adjacent points (23, 24) adapted for relative  
movement; and (c) separation means to selectively space the ad-  
jacent points (23,24) to loosen the binding base (11) from the  
board engaging member (50) to enable the binding base (11) to  
be moved relative to the board engaging means (50), the separa-  
tion means, preferably including an actuator in the form of a  
lower operated bolt (4), operably connected to the binding base  
(11), so that, upon operation of the actuator (4), the perimeter of  
the aperture (14) is varied to enable the binding base (11) to be  
released from, and moved relative to, the snowboard engaging  
member (50) from a first position to a second position in which  
the binding base (11) may be re-engaged to the snowboard en-  
gaging member (50).

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